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### **Minutes**

#### **MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION 1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301 August 7, 2014, 12:00PM**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Adams at 12:13pm followed by roll call:

##### Board Members Present

LaTeisha Adams Chair  
Commissioner Guy Licciardi  
Commissioner Joseph Krowski, Jr.  
Commissioner Quion T. Riley

##### Board Members Absent

Commissioner Gary Litchfield

##### Guests Present

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel  
Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator  
Michael Polvere, MMA Matchmaker  
Karyn Wesch, MMA Promoter  
David Ginsberg, MMA Judge  
Michael Mena, MMA Judge  
Vincent Traietti, Boxing Promoter Applicant  
Paul Doyle, Boxing Referee  
Joseph Leonard, MMA Amateur Fighter  
Jason Grenier, MMA Judge Applicant  
Via telephone: Alexius Phoenix, MMA Judge Applicant & MMA Referee Applicant  
David Greenwood, Boxing Referee Applicant

2. Approval of the minutes from June 10, 2014  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed (4-0).
3. Hearing – Promoter Karyn Wesch

4. Approval of Suspensions for Lowell, June 13, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the June 13<sup>th</sup> event and was seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote; a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski, Jr to approve the suspensions for the Boston, June 20, 2014 event and was seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote; a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the Plymouth, June 21, 2014 event and was seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote; a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for Boston, June 27, 2014 event, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote; a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the Boston, July 26, 2014 event and was seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous vote; a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the Chicopee August 2, 2014 event, seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Review/approval of new applications:

Paul Doyle: Boxing Referee application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Victor Gibbons: Boxing Judge application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Bill Morande: Boxing Judge application was tabled

Jason Grenier: MMA Judge application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Jeffrey Moore: MMA Judge application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

David Greenwood: Boxing referee application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Ryan Fennelly: MMA matchmaker application was tabled

Stephen Sargent: MMA Judge application was tabled

Alexius Phoenix: MMA Judge application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Alexius Phoenix: MMA Referee application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous decision.

6. Results of Bout 1, June 21, 2014 at Plymouth Memorial Hall Tengamnuay vs. Decristoforo  
MMA judge David Ginsberg explained to the Commission that the night of the event the corners and fighters were in the wrong color corners and that all 3 judges had unanimously voted for Bunn Tengamnuay but because the fighters were in the wrong corners it was announced incorrectly that Sheridan Decristoforo had won the bout. Commissioner Krowski Jr made a motion to reverse the decision, seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous decision. Mr. Ginsberg recommended that the Commission provide red and blue tape for the glove wrapping so that it is not an issue again. Judge Michael Mena was also present stated that he had judged the fight for Mr. Tengamnuay.
7. Brian Raposa contest appeal from June 13, 2014 event in Lowell, Robbie Leroux was tabled until Robbie Laroux can come before the Commission.
8. Joshua Raymond appeal decision June 21, 2014 event in Plymouth Nordby vs. Campbell was tabled
9. Medical expiration dates (blood)  
Commissioner Licciardi wants to change the blood requirements from every 6 month to every year so that all of the medicals will follow the license date. Attorney Hosler stated that the Board should get a recommendation from the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) approving that the blood can go to once a year.
10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting  
Amateur MMA fighter Joseph Leonard voiced his concerns of the accuracy of the Commission's scale. At the August 1, 2014 weigh in his opponent's weight was 147 pounds for a 145 pound match. The opponent Curtis Watkins came back 30 minutes later and weighed in at 146.5 he questioned if that was one half pound or 5 ounces. Commissioner Licciardi stated that the scale has been calibrated by the weights and measures agency and the agency was looking to purchase a new scale. Mr. Leonard asked to have his loss from that fight not put on his official record because of his opponent's weight not being accurate. Commissioner Licciardi was approached before the fight on August 2, 2014, by Mr. Leonard with his concerns and Commissioner Licciardi told the fighter he did not have to take the fight but Mr. Leonard stated that he did want to fight Mr. Watkins.

Commissioner Krowski Jr made a motion to suspend John Downey's license until he comes before the Board, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Vincent Traietti: Boxing Promoter application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application pending A financial statement and a completed application, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Licciardi recommended putting a new Chair to run the MAB meetings. Current members have already submitted their resumes. Commissioner Krowski Jr recommended to change the 11 board member to 5 members. At the next MSAC meeting the Commission will review their resumes.

MMA promoter Karyn Wesch addressed the \$100 fee required by the MMA/ABC official record keeper Chris Palmquist. This item was table to a future meeting.

11. Schedule next meeting

The next MSAC meeting will be on September 4, 2014 at 12:00pm.

12. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this meeting

Paul Doyle: Boxing Referee application

Victor Gibbons: Boxing Judge application

Bill Morande: Boxing Judge application

Jason Grenier: MMA Judge application

Jeffrey Moore: MMA Judge application

Davis Greenwood: Boxing referee application

Ryan Fennelly: MMA matchmaker application

Stephen Sargent: MMA Judge application

Alexius Phoenix: MMA Judge application

Alexius Phoenix: MMA Referee application

Victor Traietti: Boxing Promoter application

Master score sheet for bout 1 of the June 21, 2014 MMA show in Plymouth

Exhibits for MMA promoter Karyn Wesch's hearing

Suspension lists for Lowell, June 13, 2014; Boston, June 20, 2014; Plymouth, June 21, 2014; Boston, June 27, 2014, Boston, July 26, 2014, Chicopee August 2, 2014